

SMALL BANKERS OPPOSE ALDRICH CENTRAL BANK

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By TAYLOR

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Wall Senator Aldrich succeed in establishing a central government bank?

If he does succeed it promises to be in the face of almost as much opposition as when he revised the tariff upward.

The small bankers of the country will fight him to the last ditch. They fear first, that the proposed institution will be a political proposition through and through, and will be manned and manipulated by Wall street politicians whose interests are constantly being served by Boss Aldrich; second that a central bank would give the big Wall street banks a more absolute control of the currency supply of the country than they now enjoy.

There are also a large number of big independent banks throughout the country which will oppose the central bank idea. When the central bank was first proposed a Washington newspaper sent out a number of inquiries to eastern banks. This was one of the questions asked: "Are you in favor of the establishment of a central bank as a means of preventing stringency in the currency?" Forty-eight banks replied that they were hostile to the measure, twenty-nine approving it.

When President Taft endorsed the Aldrich program for a central bank he was expressing the sentiment of the Rockefeller-Morgan-Wall street financial houses.

When it is understood where the idea of a central bank for the United States was conceived it is not so surprising that the monetary commission of which Aldrich is the chairman should be reported in favor of the project.

The idea originated at a meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce a Wall street institution through and through. The most enthusiastic workers for the project are Frank A. Vanderlip vice president of the National City Bank of New York, (the big Standard Oil bank); Wm. A. Nash, president of the Corn Exchange National Bank of New York, a Wall street institution, owning twelve branch banks; and Jacob H. Schiff, of Kuhn Loeb & Co., of New York, a house that figured in many of the Harriman deals.

President Taft did not put over a "scoop" when he O. K'd the central bank in his western speech. Wall street preceded the chief executive in O. K'ing the project as is evidenced by the following dispatch which was sent out of Washington in April five months previous to the time the president publicly endorsed the central bank:

"According to worthy information that has just been received here in the national capital from Wall street New York, the currency commission appointed by President Roosevelt to reorganize the monetary system of the nation will report in favor of a central government bank."

"Wall street has endorsed such an institution as a medium through which may be secured the 'elastic currency,' which was so much talked about during the discussions in congress a year ago last winter."

"Through positions as chairman of the finance of the national monetary commission, and his close allegiance to the Cannon-Dalzell element in the house of representatives, Mr. Aldrich gains power that is so absolute he can defy public sentiment when it pleases him."

"Close observers see only one weak spot in Aldrich's unlimited domination of congress. Representative Fowler, chairman of the committee on banking and currency of the house of representatives has shown a disposition to be antagonistic to Wall street. It is as certain as anything political can be that the order of Aldrich and Cannon has gone forth to depose Fowler from his position when the regular session of the present congress opens next December and to appoint in his stead Vreeland of New York."

The dispatch continues: "Aldrich has always been more or less friendly to the central bank. If he has the monetary commission recommend the idea and then uses his giant power to have congress create it, there is little doubt but that he will be successful."

Sorrowing Group of the McCann Family



Top Row—Left to Right—Mary McCann, Rose McCann, daughter of the convicted ex-police inspector; Mrs. Alice McCann, sister of Mrs. McCann. Bottom Row—Left to Right—Inspector McCann, his wife and grandfather, Patrick McCann.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—The conviction of Inspector McCann on the charge of accepting bribe money, brings to an end the most sensational trial of recent years in Chicago's police department. The result was a complete surprise to the defendants and an overwhelming victory for States Attorney Wayman. It is now stated that the active attorney is after the men "higher up" and that he conviction of Inspector McCann is only the first of many sensational cases.

BISBEE ELKS WANT TUCSON HORNS

Oh, you Tucson and Phoenix ball tossers of Elksdom: Beware:

Bisbee brethren of the antlered herd have gotten their heads together, and the result is a game booked with the Tucson Elks for Sunday, Oct. 17th. A practice is to be held at the Warren ball park Sunday morning to get the talent of the local lodge possessed, hepped into shape, and any Elk who has how to toss or catch an elk, is invited to report, in "as told" he has one, if not, come.

There are a number of members of 671 who are ball players, or have been. Boswell, formerly with the muckers, will be in the line-up, as well as Carl Graf, T. F. Flannigan and "Timmy" Billy Graham. The rest will be selected from those who know class in the try-out.

Arrangements are pending whereby an excursion will be run to Tucson the day of the game, returning here Sunday night. Tucson will play a return game here Oct. 31.

There's a chance for a few ball players on the team, but the sign is out for Elks only. None others need apply.

E. W. Spires chairman of the baseball committee yesterday received a letter from the Tucson Elks stating that the plans made by the local contingent for their entertainment and their entire approval. They more over promise a warm reception both upon the baseball field and after the game to the local contingent.

The details for the entertainment of the Bisbee team were given in the letter and include a snooker and banquet.

A Terrible Disappointment.
"Sir, your daughter has eloped with the chauffeur."
"Good heavens! And he was the only one I ever had that could get away every time from the police!"

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FAKE STORY TOLD ABOUT CANANEA RIOT

"Captain Lewis" Passes Himself Off In Cleveland, Ohio, as a Former Member of the Arizona Rangers Who Won Diamond Medal

Under the caption "Wins a Diamond by Daring Rescue," the Cleveland Leader on Sunday, Sept. 26, contains the following story about the Cananea trouble from the lips of "Captain Lewis," formerly of the Arizona Rangers.

The story is highly interesting to those who knew about the trouble, inasmuch as there is very little contained in it that resembles the truth. Who "Captain Lewis" is, is a question, as there have been only three captains of the rangers, Bert Mossman, Tom Rynning and Harry Wheeler, now a resident of Tucson, since its organization, and local officers do not remember of any man by the name of Lewis ever serving in the rangers, says the Gazette.

Perhaps the story was given to some "cub" reporter in the Ohio metropolis as a joke, but it doesn't read like it. Here it is:

Captain Stanley Lewis of the Arizona Rangers, the hero of the battle of Cananea, Sonora, Mexico is in town in full uniform. The uniform is of a brown, like an army officer's. Yellow leather patten, boots, belt and gloves go with it. On the breast is a large gold star with a diamond in the middle.

"The star," asked the captain. "Oh, it was given to me by the citizens of Cananea."

By dint of urging he finally told the story of the battle. Cananea is the center of a copper mining district owned by Colonel Greene, the Boston Millionaire, who was going to fight a duel with Tom Lawton some years ago, but he didn't. Some anarchists went down there from the states, Captain Lewis says, and started to expound their doctrines to the Mexican peons. Then they bought mescal. By the night of Saturday, Aug. 12, 1906, peons were ready for trouble. They started out by burning the business section. Then they rushed toward Colonel Greene's home, which had been built on a mountain top a little over a mile from town. The rioters cut telephone wires, but not before appeal for aid was sent to Naco, Arizona, 45 miles away. There is one track, wood-burning railroad, used to carry ore to smelters between Cananea and Naco.

It was Saturday night and about 150 cow punchers were in town getting drunk, the captain says. So he took his handful of rangers, collected the cowboys and went across the line violating all precedent and rendering possible international complications. The party picked up some 70 Mexican rurales in garrison just across the line and took the wood-burning train to Cananea.

"We knew that all the decent people had run into the mountains," said the captain, "so the boys shot down every one they met. We took them by surprise. When it was all over they buried about fifty rioters. One of our men was shot and several were wounded."

Captain Lewis also piloted the Buick car from New York to San Francisco last June. He is visiting James Morris, 8914 Wade Park Avenue, N. E.

KIBBEY IS DEFENDED ON HIS RECORD

Attempt of "Organization" Newspapers to Lay Blame for Failure of Statehood on His Shoulders Is Repudiated

The attempt of the "organization" papers in southern Arizona, and especially in Cochise county, to discredit ex-Governor Kibbey, and to lay the blame for the statehood bill at the last session of congress on his shoulders, has raised a storm of protest in republican circles in other parts of the territory and especially in Phoenix where the statehood record of Governor Kibbey is a matter of history.

It remained for the "organization" newspapers to raise the question of Kibbey's loyalty and sincerity with reference to immediate statehood for Arizona. Even his bitterest political enemies never questioned the ex-Governor's efforts to secure the admission of this territory into the sisterhood of states. That Governor Kibbey was it earnest was made manifest when he joined with the territorial democratic chairman four years ago and called the republican territorial convention to meet at the same time and place with the democrats for the purpose of adopting a resolution protesting against joint statehood and every report sent Washington since that time has contained a vigorous clause urging upon congress the justice of Arizona's claims.

Then attempt to place the burden of the failure to secure statehood at the last session of congress upon Governor Kibbey looks like an attempt of the part of the Cameron-Smith-Overlock "organization" crowd, who were so vociferous in their statehood claims last November, to get from under. The Phoenix Republican, commenting on the criticism hurled at Governor Kibbey, says:

The Douglas Dispatch, in discussing the future of statehood, makes the remarkable assertion that the law at the short session of last winter if Governor Kibbey had properly looked after the measure. The distortion and coloring of news is only too common, and is wholly inexcusable in any paper. The distortion of important history is worse—and the statehood history of Arizona is important. The implication that Governor Kibbey in any manner neglected the statehood bill last winter, or at any time, is unjust, and without excuse, for what he did is a matter of common knowledge.

The governor made two trips to Washington last winter, for the sole purpose of looking after the statehood bill. With the chairman of the house committee, in December, he went over the proposed bill, section by section, and the bill as passed by the house was very largely the bill he had urged upon the committee. Whether a bill satisfactory to the committee, and to Arizona as well, would have been passed by the house last winter had Governor Kibbey not interested himself is, of course, a speculative question.

When the bill was under consideration by the senate leaders, the governor again visited Washington and urged upon them the advisability of favorable action at that session. His emphatic stand in favor of immediate action was taken in conference with senators who had before them his recommendation as governor; and in as much as some of them were hostile to statehood that session, it is a safe guess that he injured his chances of confirmation by boldly taking issue with them on the statehood question.

It is a further fact of history that during neither of his visits to Washington did Governor Kibbey make the slightest effort to secure the confirmation of his nomination to be governor—either with senators, or through the president; he devoted his energies and attention solely to the statehood bill. It is also a fact that while he was unselfishly working for the interests of Arizona, and without regard to his personal interests, the democratic press of the territory, and not a few politicians, were doing their utmost to discredit him with senators.

Birds Forewarn Storm.
A German officer describes in the Rote Kreuz a curious scene he witnessed on a ride in southwest Africa. A number of vultures, eagles and other large birds suddenly gathered on the trees at one place. A few dark clouds were visible, and ere long there was a violent tropical storm. The water penetrated into holes in the ground, from which presently emerged large numbers of snakes, scorpions and mice, and these the birds pounced upon and devoured.

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